

Introduced by Senator Poochigian

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An act to amend Sections 12800 and 13000 of the Vehicle Code, relating to identification.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 451, as introduced, Poochigian. Identification: thumb and finger.

Under existing law, an application for a driver's license or an identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles is required to contain a legible print of the thumb or finger of the applicants.

This bill, instead, would require an application for those documents to contain a legible print or prints of the thumb or finger, or both, of the applicant, as determined by the department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 12800 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 12800. ~~Every~~ An application for an original or a renewal of a
4 driver's license shall contain all of the following information:
5 (a) The applicant's true full name, age, sex, mailing address,
6 residence address, and social security account number.
7 (b) A brief description of the applicant for the purpose of
8 identification.
9 (c) A legible print *or prints* of the thumb or finger, *or both*, of
10 the applicant, *as determined by the department*.

1 (d) The type of motor vehicle or combination of vehicles the
2 applicant desires to operate.

3 (e) Whether the applicant has ever previously been licensed as
4 a driver and, if so, when and in what state or country and whether
5 or not the license has been suspended or revoked and, if so, the
6 date of and reason for the suspension or revocation.

7 (f) Whether the applicant has ever previously been refused a
8 driver's license in this state and, if so, the date of and the reason
9 for the refusal.

10 (g) Whether the applicant, within the last three years, has
11 experienced, on one or more occasions, either a lapse of
12 consciousness or an episode of marked confusion caused by a
13 condition that may bring about recurrent lapses, or whether the
14 applicant has a disease, disorder, or disability that affects his or
15 her ability to exercise reasonable and ordinary control in
16 operating a motor vehicle upon a highway.

17 (h) Whether the applicant understands traffic signs and
18 signals.

19 (i) Whether the applicant has ever previously been issued an
20 identification card by the department.

21 (j) Any other information that is necessary to enable the
22 department to determine whether the applicant is entitled to a
23 license under this code.

24 SEC. 2. Section 13000 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
25 read:

26 13000. (a) The department may issue an identification card to
27 ~~any~~ a person attesting to the true full name, correct age, and other
28 identifying data as certified by the applicant for the identification
29 card.

30 (b) ~~Any~~ A person 62 years of age or older may apply for, and
31 the department upon receipt of a proper application ~~therefor~~ shall
32 issue, an identification card bearing the notation "Senior
33 Citizen".

34 (c) ~~Every~~ An application for an identification card shall be
35 signed and verified by the applicant before a person authorized to
36 administer oaths and shall be supported by bona fide
37 documentary evidence of the age and identity of the applicant as
38 the department may require, and shall include a legible print *or*
39 *prints* of the thumb or finger, *or both*, of the applicant, *as*
40 *determined by the department.*

1 (d) ~~Any~~ *A* person 62 years of age or older, and any other
2 qualified person, may apply for, or possess, an identification card
3 under ~~the provisions of~~ either subdivision (a) or (b), but not
4 under both of those provisions.

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